REMARKS

Applicants have cancelled claim 1 and amended claims 2 and 3 to appear in independent form. Applicants have also amended claim 5 to improve English usage without changing claim scope.

Applicants thank the Examiner for allowing claims 5-10 and indicating that claims 2 and 3 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Only claims 1 and 4 have been rejected. Applicants note that claim 4 depends from claim 3, which is allowable. Claim 1 has been cancelled.

In light of the above, a Notice of Allowance is solicited.

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